ther it is a fact that UNICEF is immune from civil litigation in respect of contracts entered into by it in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): Yes Sir.

Under the provisions of Para I of article VII of the Agreement between UNICEF and the Government of India of 19th April, 1978 read with Section two of the schedule to the UN (Privileges and Immunities) Act of 1947, the UNICEF, as an organ of the UN, is entitled to immunities from civil litigation in respect of contracts entered into by it in India.

1771. [*Transferred to the 18th March*, 1986].

Alleged link of an infiltrator with Indian Army Officers

1772. SHRI K. MOHANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one Amarjit Sandhu, a Sikh convert from Bangladesh had been nabbed by the Border Security Force while trying to cross into Tripura on 16th December, 1985;

(b) whether it is also a fact that he revealed that he knew several officers of the Indian army;

(c) whether Government have made any investigation regarding this; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) One Amarjeet Singh *alias* Dhananjoy Ghosh was arrested by the BSF in Tripura border on 16th December, 1985.

(b) to (d) During preliminary interrogation nothing has come to the notice to indicate that he knew several officers of the Indian Army.

Abolition of reservation for SC/ST candidates in Medical Colleges in Assam

1773. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Assam Government have decirded to recruit to the State Government jobs in the medical colleges on the merit and to abolish the quota seats for SC and ST; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Insistence of US on signing of GSOMIA by India

1774. SHRI KAPIL VERMA. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any indication that the U.S. Pentogon is opposed to the transfer of any sensitive military technology to India so long as this country does not sign a special security agreement called General Security of Military Information Agreement; if so, what stand the Government of India have taken on it; and

(b) whether U.S. has asked China to sign a similar agreement before transferring this kind of sensitive technology; if not, what are the reasons advanced by it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) We are aware that, normally, the General security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA) is signed between USA and Governments which receive classified military technology/information/systems from USA. We do not plan to sign the GSOMIA.

(b) We do not have any information on GSOMIA or similar agreement between USA and the People's Republic of China.

Search of missing Indian Defence personnel by Pakistan

1775. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what specific proposals on the question of facilitate search of 43 Indian defence personnel who have been missing since 1971 war with Pakistan were made by India at the meetings of Indo-Pak sub-commissions on February 4 and 5, 1986 and what was the reaction of Pakistan Government thereto;

(b) what grounds were forwarded by Pakistan for their failure to trace these personnel who have been missing for the last 15 years, the details of information furnished by Pakistan in this regard and what is Government's own information regarding their fate; and

(c) what was the term of imprisonment awarded to each of the 63 Indian civilian detainees who were repatriated to India on 20th February, 1986, specific charges levelled against them and the total period spent by each in Pakistani jails?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) 43 missing Indian defence personnel are believd to be in Pakistan since 1971. The Government of Pakistan have denied this. Pakistan Government is yet to intimate their reaction to the proposal for a fresh effort to search for these persons in their jail.

(c) The Government of Pakistan have not disclosed these details.

Official Patronage to the production team of the Film 'Rajiv's India'

1776. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the producer and other men of the team connected with production of the film 'Rajiv's India' had received official patronage;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what are the names of prominent persons who had help reception in honour of the team?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (c) The Government of India had provided logistical facilities and courtesies to the producers of the film 'Rajiv's India', similar to the facilities which have been provided to other producers of such documentaries.

There was no reception hosted by Government in honour of the team. However, it is understood that the Chairman of PTI had held reception.

Import of engine for the light combat aircraft

1777. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3126 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th December, 1985 and state:

(a) whether Government have decided to import the US GE 404 engine for the Light Combat Aircraft;

(b) if so, when imported engine is likely to be tried;

(c) whther the imported engine is likely to hamper devlopment of the GTX; and

(d) whether it is a fact that trying of an unproven air-frame with an unproven engine is frought with risks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

(d) That depends on the air-frame and the engine.

Busting of Terrorist gang

1778. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANIKER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared